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Tuesday, the 13th December 1932|28th Vrischikam 1108.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

List of holidays for the Judicial Department.

24. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) why some of the Hindu holidays were removed from the list of holidays for the Judicial Department ;

(*b*) who was responsible for including them ; and

(*c*) who was responsible for removing them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The reduction of holidays was made on the basis of the report of the Madras Retrenchment Committee, with a view to increase the number of working days for the Judicial Department, and to lessen the arrears.

(*b*) The Government.

(*c*) The holidays which were cancelled were selected by the Government with the approval of the High Court.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether the Retrenchment Committee appointed by the Travancore Government has recommended such a step ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not think they did it.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : Has the Law's Delays Commissioner recommended it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Law's Delays Commissioner also does not seem to have recommended it.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : May I know what induced the Government to go in for the Retrenchment Committee of Madras ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because the Government felt that it was a very useful suggestion and the High Court has agreed.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : May I know whether Government will be prepared to adopt similar recommendations from the Retrenchment Committee of Madras ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): All useful suggestions will be welcome to them.

Reduction of the number of public holidays.

25. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the grounds on which they recently reduced the number of public holidays; and

(*b*) the reason for removing each of the days thus reduced from the list of holidays?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The reduction of holidays is for the Judicial Department alone. It was made on the basis of the report of the Madras Retrenchment Committee, with a view to increase the number of working days for the Judicial Department and to lessen the arrears.

(*b*) The particular holidays to be reduced were fixed in consultation with the High Court.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was the desirability of cutting short the long vacation considered by the Government in connection with the reduction of arrears?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, it was considered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why that was not found expedient instead of reducing the holidays?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court was not in favour of that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the grounds on which they opposed that and suggested the removal of certain days from the list of holidays?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They merely said that they were not in favour of shortening the vacation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the particular holidays that are made working days now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has been published in the *Gazette*. If the member wants, I will read it out. They are

In Chingam	Vinayaka Chathurthi
„ Vrischikam	Thrikartikai
„ Makaram	Thai Pongal
	Mattu pongal
	Vavu Orikkal
„ Meenam	Yugadi Pandigai
„ Medom	Chithirapournami
„ Mithunam	Karkataka Sankranthi
„ Karkatakam	Vavu Orikkl
	Adi Aruthi.

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